

## THE SILK ROBBERS CAUGHT.

INSPECTOR BYRNES RECOVERS \$15,000 WORTH OF BONDED GOODS.

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The orders were overhauled and rigidly scrutinized. Col. Nelson G. Williams, Deputy Collector, looked over the signatures on them, and were not questioned. The signatures were those of Frederick G. Inlay, could not tell whether his initials were written by himself or not, and was criticised by the Collector and others on that account. Clerk O'Brien of the cashier's department was criticised in the same way for checking the order, though he did not seem to have any doubt that his initials were of his own writing.

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By 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, the day the robbery was discovered, Inspector Byrnes was in possession of all the facts in the case. When he had examined the orders, and learned that the signatures were those of Frederick G. Inlay, could not tell whether his initials were written by himself or not, and was criticised by the Collector and others on that account. Clerk O'Brien of the cashier's department was criticised in the same way for checking the order, though he did not seem to have any doubt that his initials were of his own writing.

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## THE PUGILISTS CONSULT.

Kilrain, Smith, and Mitchell Discuss the Proposed New Match.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Jack Kilrain has arrived in London from France. Kilrain, Smith, and Mitchell met to-day to discuss the proposed new match for Fox's belt.

The following cablegram was received at the Police Gazette office at 2:30 P. M. yesterday: 1:52 P. M., London, Dec. 21. To Richard K. Fox: Sporting Life has received the following cablegram from London: Kilrain arrived in London last night. Best of condition. Ready and willing to fight Smith. Kilrain claims that he is prepared to defend against all comers. Smith refuses to renew fight. States therefore must be prepared to defend against all comers. Kilrain claims that he is prepared to defend against all comers. Smith refuses to renew fight. States therefore must be prepared to defend against all comers.

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Mr. Fox said yesterday that since the announcement of the result he has been anticipating a fight between the two pugilists. The latter's backers, said he, "have learned that he had a more difficult man to fight than they expected. They naturally don't want the fight finished. The action of Smith's backers is in violation of the terms of the fight, and I propose making a vigorous protest against it."

The question of Richard K. Fox's connection with the fight between Kilrain and Smith was discussed yesterday by Mr. Martin, District Attorney's office yesterday. Mr. Martin said that Fox is just as liable to punishment as any other person who is connected with the fight. Col. Fellows is of the same opinion, and will take up the case if a complaint is made.

WORKING WOMEN ORGANIZE. Definite Action Taken at a Pythagoras Hall Meeting. The working women, at their meeting at Pythagoras Hall last night, completed their arrangements for organizing, and the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws will meet next Wednesday night, and a roll will then be offered for signatures. After each woman's name her occupation will be stated. Those belonging to trades already organized will be recommended to join them. If trades are unorganized, when sufficient numbers of a certain trade have been secured, a meeting will be called to organize that trade.

The question of dues caused a lively discussion. It had been suggested that the monthly dues should be placed at twenty-five cents. Sufficient testimony was given to show that the dues should be placed at twenty-five cents. A letter was read by one woman having to pay thirty cents a day extra expenses at the Pythagoras Hall. It was decided to place the dues at twenty-five cents a month.

It was suggested that it would be well for the committee to make a list of the names of the women who could not pay them. Many of those present offered to give extra dues in order to make up the list. A suggestion was made that it would be well to rent rooms in tenement houses, and to have the women who could not pay them to live in them. The committee to meet the saleswomen with a view to organizing them, and to have the women who could not pay them to live in them.

BOUGH ON KILRAIN. Thieves Persist in Telling Their Victims to Go to Hell for Their Money. Miss Marion Tyler, a comely young woman, came from Washington a year ago and went to work at dressmaking. She lives at 479 West Twenty-second street. Last night she was robbed by three men who took her money and jewelry. Several years ago Miss Tyler lost a lot of money in a bank, and since then she has carried her money with her tied up in a handkerchief. Monday afternoon she was shopping at the store where she works, and she was robbed by three men who took her money and jewelry.

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## HARD WEATHER AT SEA.

ONCE DEPARTING FROM SHIPBOARD AND PROPERTY IN THE WEST INDIES—THEIR VESSEL WAS A WRECK.

It will be a sorry holiday season for Capt. Hardy and the crew of five men of the old schooner Katie Ronger. Capt. Hardy sailed out of Georgetown, D. C., a little over a week ago with a cargo of coal, which he hoped to carry to Fall River by Christmas. Yesterday he and his crew sailed into this port on the brig Nora with nothing to call their attention to except the clothes on their backs. The Katie Ronger had gone down, and they were glad to save their lives.

The Nora, Capt. Murchison, sailed from Pedro Cays thirty-five days ago with guano for New York. On Dec. 17, when fifteen miles southeast of Abascoom light, she was struck by a hurricane, which veered to northwest, and by the morning of the 18th had raised such a sea that the ship was over the decks continuously. While trying to get over the decks, having drifted out to sea about twenty miles, the ship was struck by a second wave, which sank her. The Katie Ronger had gone down, and they were glad to save their lives.

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A Sudden Drop in the Mercury—Great Suffering in Kansas. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—The storm which started yesterday and still continues furiously is the worst of the season. The wind is strong and the snow is drifted badly. The storm was accompanied by a heavy rain, and the snow is drifted badly. The storm was accompanied by a heavy rain, and the snow is drifted badly.

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